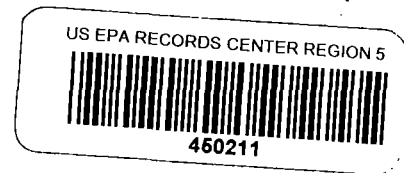




UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

November 2, 2000

Claudia Macholz
Nicor Gas
Environmental Services
1844 Ferry Road
Naperville, Illinois 60563

Subject: U.S. EPA Work Plan Review and Approval
Nicor Mercury Sites, Docket No. V-W-'00-C-610
Nicor Gas Reporting Centers and Other Industrial/Commercial Locations

I have reviewed and approved the amended work plan dated October 25, 2000, submitted to U.S. EPA by Nicor Gas under this Order on October 31, 2000. In particular, this approval covers:

The work that has been done and will be done at Nicor reporting (service) centers and commercial/industrial facilities under the supervision of the Illinois EPA (IEPA) and U.S. EPA as described in the amendment. To the extent that U.S. EPA and/or IEPA determines that the scope of work at any of these locations changes from what is described, Nicor may be expected to submit specific plans and protocols for approval, beyond those described in the amendment prior to commencing that work.

Please notify IEPA of work to be performed at these locations before cleanup activities are scheduled to take place. I would also ask that Nicor submit a brief description of cleanup activities to both U.S. EPA and IEPA as work is completed at these locations.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 312 886-0406.

Sincerely,

Brad Stimple
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On-Scene Coordinator

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